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reports containing miscellaneous information on various industrial plants in Rumania.

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Campina-Doftana-Brecu Line

This is an old narrow-gauge line, built to carry timber, which is abundant in the Brecu mountain area. The large "30 December" saw-mill of the IPIL is located in Brecu.

C. ECONOMIC INFORMATION

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1. "Dermata" Shoe Factory at Cluj

General Remarks

This is an old factory which was expanded and modernized after the war. It is the largest factory in Cluj and one of the largest in Rumania. It has its own tannery.

Location

The factory is located on the outskirts of Cluj, 4 or 5 kilometers from the railroad station, along the north side of the Cluj-Cojocna railroad line.

Size of Factory Area

The factory area is nearly square-shaped and measures about one kilometer on each side. It is enclosed by a wall about 2 meters high.

Number of Workers and Work Shift

About 5,000, working in three shifts.

Production

The factory produces men's, women's, and children's shoes of all types, made of leather and skins, but never of rubber or other such materials.

The factory's products are for the most part exported (excellent quality); smaller amounts go to the armed forces (excellent quality) and

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to the domestic market (mediocre quality). Most of the exports go to Great Britain; smaller amounts go to other West European countries.

Source of Raw Materials

The leather and skins used for making uppers are produced by the factory's own tannery.

Electric Power Supply

The factory receives its power from the hydroelectric power plant located at Aghires, on the Somes River. This power is used for lighting purposes only.

Rail Link

The factory is connected by a spur line to the Cluj railroad station.

Surveillance

The factory is guarded by a group of factory guards.

2. "Unirea" Textile Machinery Plant at Cluj

General Remarks

Subject plant was built after the last war on the foundations of an old plant which used to be there.

Location

This plant is adjacent to the "Dermata" shoe factory.

Size of Plant Area

The plant area, 300-400 x 300-400 meters in size, is enclosed by a wall about 2 meters high.

Number of Workers and Work Shifts

About 1,000, working in three shifts.

Production

The plant produces the following items:

1. Looms for textile plants.
2. Parts of undetermined type used in the production of railroad passenger and freight cars by the state railroad car plants.

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3. Unspecified items for the armed forces.

Most of the plants's activity consists in foundry work for the production of individual parts of looms.

For the most part, the plant's output is for the domestic market, but some of the looms produced are exported to West European countries.

Description of the Plant

The plant complex consists of a large shed containing the various production departments, and a number of small buildings of different sizes used as offices, foundry, storage facilities, etc.

Rail Link

The plant is connected to the Cluj railroad station.

Surveillance

The plant is guarded by factory guards.

3. "Elektro Carbon" (?) Chemical Plant at Cluj

Date of Construction

Subject plant was built about 1950.

Location

Adjacent to the "Unirea" textile machinery plant, described in the foregoing.

Size of Plant Area

The size of the plant area is estimated at about 300 x 300 meters.

Number of Workers and Work Shifts

About 500, working in two or three shifts, depending on need.

Known Production

Grinding wheels of varying type, size, and grain. The coloring is done chemically. This production is of the utmost interest to Rumania

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Description of Plant

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The plant consists of the following buildings:

1. The main building, 4-5 stories high, stylistically modern, large (estimated at no less than 100 meters long).
2. Four or five secondary buildings, located around the main building; used as offices, storage facilities, etc.

The plant is enclosed by a wall about 2 meters high.

Rail Link

The plant is connected by rail to the Cluj railroad station.

Electric Power Supply, Motive Power, Security Measures

Same as for the "Dermata" shoe factory.

4. Refrigeration Equipment Plant at Cluj

Name

"Tehno Frig."

General Remarks

Subject plant is a converted match factory. The conversion took place in 1949-1950. Despite its small size, this plant is considered as one of the most important industrial establishments in Rumania.

Location

To the rear of the Cluj railroad station.

Number of Workers and Work Shifts

About 200, working in two or three shifts, depending on need.

Known Production

1. Refrigeration plants for refrigerated railroad cars.
2. Refrigerators for industrial use in general.
3. Refrigeration equipment of various types.
4. Unspecified machinery for cheese factories.

These products are partly for export to the countries of Eastern Europe. [] the quality of these products is very high and they are in great demand.

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Railroad Link

The plant is connected by railroad to the Cluj railroad station.

Electric Power Supply, Motive Power, Security Measures

Same as for the plants discussed in the foregoing.

5. "Armatura" Pipe Fittings Plant at ClujGeneral Remarks

Subject plant is about 20 years old. Considerable expansion and modernization work was done in 1952-1953, when old machinery was replaced by newer vintage machinery, etc.

Location

The plant is located on the western outskirts of Cluj, along the north side of the Cluj-Aghires railroad line.

Number of Workers and Work Shifts

About 500, working in one to three shifts, according to the availability of raw materials and the demand for the plant's products.

Known Production

1. Pipe fittings in general (for hydraulic installations, gas lines, etc.).
2. Various accessories for hydraulic installations.

This plant's production is for domestic consumption. It is of very low quality, particularly because of the porosity and other defects of the metals used.

Electric Power Supply, Motive Power

Same as for other Cluj plants described in the foregoing.

6. "Menaajul" Kitchen Utensils Plant at ClujGeneral Remarks

Subject plant has been in operation for 5 or 6 years. It has its own foundry.

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Location

The plant is located on the western outskirts of Cluj, adjacent to the armatura plant.

Size of Plant Area

About 800 x 200 meters.

Number of Workers and Work Shifts

About 700 during peak periods of operation, working in one to three shifts, according to need.

Known Production

1. Kitchen ranges.
2. Metal stoves.
3. Kitchen utensils.
4. Metal containers of different types, including some enameled.

These products are of low quality.

Most of the plant's production is for the domestic market, although part of it is for the armed forces.

Rail Link

The plant is connected by rail to the Cluj railroad station.

Electric Power Supply, Motive Power, Security Measures

Same as for other Cluj plants discussed in the foregoing.

7. Occasional Stoppage of Operation
at Cluj Industrial Establishments

This fact is public knowledge, for on inactive days, the employees of the establishments concerned speak of it openly.

Frequently, for periods ranging from 2 or 3 days to whole weeks, the Cluj industrial establishments, especially the metallurgical plants, are compelled to suspend operations completely. The reason for this is the irregularity of receipts of raw materials. There is a widespread rumor to the effect that this is done intentionally, in order to sabotage production in protest against the Communist regime.

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Plans are now afoot to convert subject line from narrow to standard gauge.

D. ECONOMIC INFORMATION

(June 1957)

1. New Rolling Mill Under Construction in Bacau

According to hearsay information, construction of a rolling mill in Bacau was started in 1953. It is said that it will be the largest and most modern rolling mill in Rumania. The work is being done by the ICSIM (Intraprindere de Constructii Speciale Industriale in Metalurgie), with headquarters in Bucharest.

2. Metallurgical Plant at Colibasi

Location

This plant is located about 500 meters southeast of Colibasi, in a wooded area.

General Remarks

The plant, which consists of 10 to 12 large buildings, was completed in 1954, although its machinery and equipment were not yet installed at that time. However, the plant was in operation in June 1957.

Production

Officially, this plant produces industrial machinery parts. However, it is said to produce arms of unspecified type.

3. "Metrom" Plant in Brasov


This is an old plant which used to produce arms. It currently produces wire and other unspecified ferrous materials.

In 1952, the plant contained a special department which produced cartridges. It is not known whether this department is still in operation.

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4. Ammunition Plant at Plopeni

This is an old plant located in a wooded area near Plopeni (Slanic).

5. "Autoreparacja Compina"

General Remarks

This is a large automotive shop which began operations in 1955-1956.
It comes under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Metallurgy.

Location

It is located on the national highway leading to Ploesti, about 800 meters from the southern outskirts of Campina, across from old barracks currently housing an antiaircraft artillery regiment.

Number of Workers

About 1,000.

Activity

Large-scale automotive repairs.

6. Oil Industry

New oil wells have been opened up and new refineries set up in Moldava and Oltenia.

New refineries have been built at Borzesti, a recently established oil village located on the Targul Ocna-Balca-Moinesti railroad line.

New oil wells have also been opened up in the Pitesti-Colibasi area.

The Campina refineries are to be transferred to Moldava and Oltenia, because the oil fields in the Prahova region are being depleted.

7. Campina Aqueduct

The Campina aqueduct has a water intake installation on the Doftana River, between Doftana and Brebu.

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As Campina grew, this installation became inadequate. Consequently, in June 1957, an additional installation was under construction upstream from the old one, at Brebu. The new installation is to be completed by 1 October 1957, but the work is proceeding slowly because of insufficient materials.

8. Ploesti Regional Construction Trust

Location

Subject trust's main offices are located at 1 Stefan Cel Mare, Ploesti.

Director General

Engineer Aierini, a Rumanian from Moldava. He is assisted by about ten engineers.

Subordinate Work-Yards

The trusts's subordinate work-yards, scattered throughout the region, are organized into three groups, each with its own management, as follows: a group with headquarters in Ploesti, another with headquarters in Buzau, and Group No. 3 with headquarters in Campina.

9. Work-Yard Group No. 3, Campina

Location

The management of this group is located at 109 Iye Stalin, Campina.

Director

Engineer Cornel Safta, who also acts as chief engineer and is assisted by only one other technician: architect Aurelian Istrate.

Number of Workers

About a total of 600, assigned to the various work-yards.

Projects Carried Out

For the most part, Group No. 3 engages in construction of residential buildings and workers' quarters.

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Recently it built a new water-intake installation on the Doftana River for the Campina aqueduct.

Recently it also built a residential building with a 200-bed capacity for workers of Campina Refinery No. 4 (ex-"Steua Romana"), located across from the refinery, on Filimon Serbu Road (ex-Ice Bratianu Road), and workers' dwellings for the "1 May" (ex-"Concordia") refinery.

In addition, Group No. 3 has carried out the following projects:

1. Built a large automotive repair shop at Campina.
2. Built air raid shelters at Floesti and Campina.
3. Enlarged and modified existing facilities in Breaza for establishment of a military boarding-in school.

10. ICSIM (Intreprindere de Constructi

Speciale si Industriale in Metalurgie

The ICSIM is located in Bucharest. It is an enterprise which engages solely in construction of new and expansion and repairing of existing metallurgical plants. In 1953, it began construction of a large rolling mill at Bacau.

11. "Monchim" Construction Enterprise

This enterprise, located in Bucharest, is the ICSIM's counterpart for the chemical industry.

12. Shortage of Materials in Building Industry

The Rumanian building construction industry lacks a constant supply of the materials it needs. Particularly, there is a shortage of steel, pipes, and even cement. It is said that there will not be an adequate supply of cement before 1 January 1958.

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